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The Fifty-fifth congress evidently contains many men of many minds.

Spain is decidedly unpopular in this country. Even the base ball players are willing to fight that kingdom.

Sensational news from Santa Fe seem to have declined in value; either that or the able correspondents have taken a tumble.

The ropes on a first-class man-of-war cost in the neighborhood of \$15,000. Like political ropes, they come high, but we must have them.

The American navy is waiting for an opportunity to show the people that the money spent on it was not spent in vain, but will come back with interest.

General Sherman's aphorism "War is Hell" is very true, but mankind is so constituted that a little of the latter must be had every once in a while.

Most encouraging reports from a political standpoint come from San Miguel county. The Republicans are making great headway there, as the November election will bear out.

After reading the reports of the consuls that were stationed in Cuba, one must conclude that the gout is about the only disease that has given the concentrados in that island no trouble during the past year.

Governor Otero has evidently hit the right nail hard in his appointment of Mr. John S. Clark to be territorial coal oil inspector. Numerous letters from the best and leading citizens of the territory, a good many of them Democrats, containing many expressions of approval and satisfaction of the appointment, have been received at the executive office.

Strict and evenhanded justice in the cases of the men charged with the murder of Albert J. Fountain and in all other criminal matters. This is the position taken by this journal. Some of the Democratic papers, headed by the Albuquerque Democrat, do not like this position and want men, charged with crime, to be unmoored, because they are Democrats. That's their way of doing business.

The course adopted and carried out by Spain in Cuba during the past three years has been so horribly cruel and unutterably beastly, that the United States had to put a stop to it. In a very few days, Spain will have a war on its hands wherein its soldiers will meet men and where the victims will not be defenseless women and children, nor the means, the slaughter and starvation of innocent people. A just retribution is about to overtake Spain.

Reports of bank exchanges and of railroad earnings indicate clearly and correctly the financial activity of the country and the movements of agricultural and commercial supplies. Dun's Review, in a recent issue, shows that the bank exchanges and railroad earnings in the first quarter of 1898 have in each case been larger than for any like period on record. How is this for a country whose business, we were informed in 1896, must go to destruction if the free and unlimited coinage of silver were not adopted?

The Denver Republican in a recent issue contains a four column illustrated write up of the town of Raton and says editorially concerning that place:

"Raton, N. M., has grown to be one of the important cities of the territory and promises to be one of the centers of the Rocky mountain region. A model western city, peopled with industrious citizens and surrounded by a region rich in every natural resource, its steady and general prosperity, shared by all parts of the community alike, show a future of limitless possibilities. With the people and the material to prosper when conditions were most adverse, too glowing a picture can hardly be drawn of possibilities in normal times."

Placido Sandoval has followed in the wake of all good Democrats and resigned as superintendent of public instruction, naming May 7 as the day upon which he will relinquish his official duties. Conjecture is ripe as to his successor. Among the applicants is a prominent citizen of Grant county—Silver City Independent.

If a few more Democratic officeholders would follow the illustrious example set them by Don Placido, the administration of territorial affairs would still further improve. For the information of our valued Silver City contemporary, it can be said, that while the appointment of a successor to fill the vacancy has not been absolutely decided upon, it is believed, a native of New Mexico, conversant with English and Spanish, will be selected.

The Railroad Age, published in Chicago, states, that the construction of over 20,000 miles of railroads is under consideration and in contemplation in the United States. Over 10,000 miles of this construction is located in the south and southwest and about 6,000 miles in the southwestern states and territories. It does not look much as though the railroad men made a mistake in 1896 in voting in favor of a sound financial system, especially when it is considered that the railroad construction projected for 1898 is four times as much as the average during the past decade.

In another column, the New Mexican re-publishes a letter from Sheriff Patrick F. Garrett, of Dona Ana county, showing up the glaring inaccuracies, equivocations and falsehoods contained in a recent editorial article in the Albuquerque Democrat, concerning the investigations now going on in the Fountain murder case in Las Cruces, under the caption, "Strict Justice." The sheriff, it is apparent to all fair minded and respectable citizens, tells the truth in a straight forward and manly manner. That, however, cuts no ice with our contemporary, but the people of New Mexico will read the sheriff's card in this issue and believe what he says.

## The Beginning of the End.

The expected has happened: Congress has virtually declared war for the purpose of securing the freedom of the Cubans and the first gun may be fired at any moment. The action of congress in bringing about a settlement of a question which has disturbed the people for over three years will meet with the approval of the country in a substantial manner. There will be no lack of money and men to prosecute the conflict to the bitter end if necessary. All that will be asked is that an end be put to the inhuman treatment of women and children on the island, and the insurgents and their friends be allowed to earn their bread in an honest manner.

It has required forbearance and patience on the part of the American people to withstand the temptation to take a hand in the matter long ago, but the foul and treacherous manner in which the battleship Maine was deliberately destroyed under the mask of friendship, proved the last straw which broke the back of patience of the nation, and Spain must now take the consequences. Opportunity after opportunity has been given that country to end the war on the island in an honorable manner and to withdraw her troops and navy, but the hesitancy to engage in a struggle which can only be disastrous to one nation and painful to the other, appears to have filled the minds of the Spanish with the idea that the United States feared to do anything to avenge the numerous insults that have been heaped upon the stars and stripes, and resting on that supposed fear that country has persisted in ignoring the friendly hand that has been extended in all sincerity and conducted the affairs of the island in such a manner that forbearance long ago ceased to be a virtue, and assumed the aspect of a crime to humanity and a reproach to civilization.

But the beginning of the end has come. Spain must evacuate Cuba and allow the inhabitants to organize and conduct an independent government, or indicate what relation they wish to bear to the United States. The first step having been taken the end is not far in the future, and it cannot come any too soon to suit the American people. Cuba must and shall be free, and Spain must leave the western continent forever. That is the result of the deliberations of the people of this country, who are slow to enter into war, but terribly in earnest.

## Tax Matters in Santa Fe County.

The board of county commissioners of this county did exactly right yesterday in declining to grant any more concessions to delinquent tax payers at the expense of the honest tax payers and to the detriment of the decent and law abiding citizens of this county, who pay taxes promptly and as required by law. In individual cases, where wrong assessments have been made or where property has been greatly deteriorated in value or where an unjust assessment has been made or where some citizen has suffered greatly, it is the proper thing to grant concessions and the law provides that the county commissioners may take action therein.

But when tax payers and property owners, who are well and perfectly able to pay, come up and demand that reductions be made to them, that have not been granted to the large body of tax payers, it would be manifestly unjust and improper to grant such. Favors of that sort would prove a grave injustice and a serious injury to the honest tax payers, and a great detriment to the commonwealth, besides being an infraction and an evasion of the very law, the officials are sworn to uphold and to execute. It is well understood, that some of the property owners in this county are holding back from paying taxes for the very purpose of inducing the county commissioners to give them rebates. That such a course does not meet with the approval of the good citizens of the county goes without saying. That the county commissioners but obeyed the spirit and the letter of the law in denying this application for rebates and settlements from persons who willfully and deliberately refuse to pay taxes, with the end in view of getting easy settlements from the county commissioners and paying less than their just dues, is plain and apparent. The commissioners' course meets with the approval of the best citizens of all shades of political opinion and the people as a whole will commend their sagacity and firmness in standing by the law and doing what public policy and

the best interests of the territory and of the tax payers demanded.

The New Mexican will have more to say upon this important subject from time to time and will keep the people fully posted thereon.

## SHERIFF GARRETT SPEAKS.

Shows Up the Falsehoods and Misrepresentations in a Recent Editorial in the Albuquerque Democrat.

To the Editor of the Albuquerque Democrat. Las Cruces, April 10.—In your issue of yesterday, the 29th inst., appears an article headed "Strict Justice," in which appear, to say the least, some very inaccurate statements. However, I desire to answer only those parts of the article that regard me. When I was first appointed, I was appointed by Mr. Raymond, who had won the office of sheriff in the contest suit against Mr. Ascarate. The Republican members of the board of county commissioners were removed by Governor Thornton for failure, I believe, to properly qualify, and Mr. May and Mr. Baird were appointed by the governor to fill the vacancies. I was appointed by the new board as sheriff to fill the balance of the term. The Democrats nominated Mr. S. P. Ascarate for the office and ran independent and was endorsed by the Republicans. When I announced my candidacy I assured the people of this county that I would put forth my best efforts, without fear or favor to any side or faction, to bring the murderers of Colonel Fountain and his little son to justice. I have ever been conscientious in my efforts in this case and have always said, and now say, that I want to see the supremacy of the law upheld and a fair and impartial trial given the parties arrested in this case. Furthermore, it has been asserted that the men arrested, are in danger of mob violence. All that I have to say is that as long as I have them in my charge there is no man nor set of men that can mob them.

Now as to that part of "Strict Justice" where it states that Messrs. Lee and Gilliland remained here with their witnesses awaiting indictment, etc., that is false. Mr. J. R. Gilliland is one of the men charged with the Fountain murder and he has not been here prior to or during the present term of court. His father, Mr. W. F. Gilliland, was here, and I arrested him under an indictment for cattle stealing and he gave bond and went home. As for Mr. Lee, he left before the grand jury adjourned. I think it was on Wednesday. Mr. Lee, never, at any time, stated to me that upon sending him to the present term of court after him he would come in. Furthermore, it is stated that the grand jury was adjourned here on April 1, after being in session for three weeks; this is not so. Under the law the grand jury can remain in session only 10 days and that was all that this jury was in session. As to the politics of the members of the jury, I know only two men—Mr. Schaumbin, Republican, and Mr. Lopez, Democrat. It was personally known to me and I think to most of the court officers that the secrets of the grand jury were public property. That is one of the reasons that the grand jury did not investigate this case. The other reason is that it was not possible for them to pass on all the testimony of the territory in this case owing to the limited time they had to hold and on account of most of the witnesses residing in the Sacramento mountains about 90 miles from Las Cruces.

On April 3, I arrested McNew and Carr on the street here in town and immediately sent out a posse after Lee and Gilliland, but did not call on the militia as militiamen, but as they had horses and arms at their immediate disposal I deputized them and sent them out, and without any imposing parade as stated in "Strict Justice." In conclusion all that I have to say is that I will carry out and uphold the law—secure these men against all violence of whatever kind, and if I can, to run down the murderers of Colonel Fountain and his son, and all other criminals in this county, without favor to any faction or party, and let the chips fall where they will.

P. F. GARRETT.

## Proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners.

Santa Fe, N. M., April 4, 1898.—The honorable board met at 10 o'clock a. m., being a regular session of the term. Present: Hon. Chas. W. Dudrow, chairman; and Hons. J. T. McLaughlin and Jose A. Lucero, commissioners, and Atanasio Romero, clerk.

The minutes of the last session of February 26, were read and approved. The assessment of Ella M. Arnold for 1895 was fixed in the sum of \$350. The assessment of P. F. Hogan for 1897 on real estate was reduced from \$1,300 to \$1,000. The assessments of Leonor Garcia were fixed as follows: For 1891, \$285, and for 1892-93-94-95-96 and 1897 at \$100 for each year. The assessment of Mrs. R. H. Taylor was reduced from \$1,000 to \$750 on real estate for 1897.

The sum of \$200 was reduced in the assessment of I. Goldfort for 1896 and 1897 as per the exemption law. The account of Messrs. N. B. Laughlin and C. H. Gildersleeve and others, which was filed on the 1st of May, 1897, for \$15,452, was disallowed. The report of the county assessor for licenses issued in the last three months is as follows: For county fund, \$128.75; for school fund, \$603.75. The same was approved and the clerk ordered to charge the same to the county collector.

The insurance of the court house for three years for \$20,000 for the sum of \$600 premium was accepted and it was agreed to pay \$150 every quarter. The following resolution was introduced by Chairman Dudrow, and the same duly adopted: Whereas, The A. T. & S. F. R. R. Co. has refused to pay taxes levied on its property in this county for the years 1894, 1896 and 1897 for the following funds, to-wit: City school levy for the year 1894; judgment fund for the years 1896 and 1897, and bonds of 1890, 1891, 1892 and 1893, school districts 4, 7 and 27, for the year 1897; and

Whereas, Other large taxpayers are following the example said company in this regard; therefore be it Resolved, That the district attorney be instructed to bring suits against said company and all other taxpayers who have and do refuse to pay taxes levied for the above or any other funds of the county.

The following accounts were duly audited and approved: Albino Ortega, for services before justice of peace, 1897..... \$ 5 50 And the following accounts during 1898: H. C. Kinsell, jail expenses, etc., \$704 97 Chas. W. Dudrow, salary as Co. Com'r..... 125 00 Jose Amado Lucero, salary and mileage as Co. Com'r..... 129 56 J. T. McLaughlin, salary and mileage as Co. Com'r..... 126 53 Atanasio Romero, salary as Co. and P. clerk, etc., etc..... 267 50 Chas. R. Huber, salary as P. clerk..... 150 00 James Williams, salary as P. clerk..... 150 00 J. H. Crist, salary as district attorney..... 100 00 Telesforo Rivera, salary as probate judge..... 150 00

H. B. Cartwright, salary as Co. treasurer..... 112 50 Nasario Alarid, salary as janitor of court house..... 120 00 New Mexican P. Co., for publication, records, etc., etc..... 354 67 Jacob Weltmer, stationery for P. clerk's office..... 5 95 Santa Fe Gas & Electric Co. for lights..... 67 30 The Water & Ice Co., for water..... 90 00 Santa Fe Electric Telephone Co. for use of telephone..... 9 00 James E. Judson, stationery for assessor's office..... 10 00 Manuel Romero y Dominguez, fees as justice of peace..... 9 50 Miguel Gorman, fees as justice of peace..... 57 15 Bruno Romero, fees as justice of peace..... 24 45 Jose Ma. Garcia, fees as justice of peace..... 73 80 Franco Anaya, fees as constable..... 24 75 Cosmo Salas, fees as constable..... 47 25 Alberto Garcia, fees as interpreter..... 4 00 Chas. W. Dudrow, coal for court house and lumber..... 84 12 New Mexican P. Co., for Lic. book, out of school fund..... 2 50 Facundo F. Pino, salary as school supt., out of school fund..... 275 00 H. B. Cartwright, salary as treasurer, school fund..... 75 00 Francisco Gonzales y Baca, com. as co. assessor, school fund..... 1 29 J. R. Hudson, com. as co. assessor, school fund..... 1 71 J. R. Hudson, com. as co. assessor, from different funds..... 13 09 J. R. Hudson, com. as co. assessor, from territory..... 6 69 Francisco Gonzales y Baca, com. as co. assessor, from different funds..... 21 00 The board adjourned till the 12th day of April, A. D. 1898. CHAS. W. DUDROW, Chairman, ATANASIO ROMERO, Clerk.

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